

Airing Data Aided Reds, Hays Claims

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Rep. Wayne Hays of Ohio accused fellow Democrat Harris B. McDowell Jr. yesterday of giving the Chinese Communists "the biggest intelligence break" they ever got from the United States.

McDowell promptly denied the charge and called it "ridiculous." He said he disclosed nothing that was not already publicly known.

At issue was a press conference the Delaware Democrat held in Wilmington yesterday. He said there that American intelligence and surveillance through satellites pinpointed Red China's nuclear test so perfectly that this country knew almost to the day when it would be exploded.

In his statement, Hays charged that McDowell made public secret information which he received at a briefing by Secretary of State Dean Rusk on Tuesday.

It has previously been reported that much of the information about the Chinese nuclear effort was obtained by satellites. Yesterday, official sources were saying that much came from U-2 planes manned by Chinese Nationalist pilots.

Reached by phone in Wilmington, McDowell said he thought he used the terms "intelligence and telecommunications systems" to describe how the information was acquired.

By "telecommunications," McDowell said he was referring to U.S. satellites being used to transmit back live television pictures such as those from the Tokyo Olympics.

[Administration officials were mystified by what McDowell had in mind in mentioning telecommunications satellites. Presumably McDowell was referring to military photoreconnaissance satellites.

[Communications satellites carry no photographic equipment or television cameras, they said. They transmit television pictures by picking up the pictures and retransmitting them.]